

NEW MEXICO CROP PROGRESS



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CROP PROGRESS AND CONDITION
WEEK ENDING JULY 30, 2017

AGRICULTURAL SUMMARY: While temperatures were mostly warmer than normal, rainfall totals were boosted by widespread monsoonal moisture during the week, according to the Mountain Regional Field Office of the National Agricultural Statistical Service, USDA. With the exceptions of Artesia and Roswell, all weather stations reported measureable moisture, with 17 stations totaling over an inch of rainfall. Ocate, at 3.57 inches, noted the largest accumulation during the week. Statewide, topsoil moisture levels were reported as 39 percent adequate to surplus, compared with 38 percent last week, 20 percent last year, and a 5-year average of 29 percent. Average temperatures ranged from 2 degrees below to 7 degrees above normal. Comments from several counties indicated that the amount of moisture received has varied greatly from one area within the county to others, resulting in working conditions that ranged from hot and dusty to extremely muddy. Daytime highs varied from 76 degrees at Cloudcroft to 108 degrees at Acme. Overnight lows ranged from 37 degrees at Chama to 70 degrees at Roswell. It was noted that a hard, fast rain in Union County helped to fill some livestock ponds. In Eddy County, reports suggest there was some evidence of light stripe in alfalfa fields following recent rain showers, as well as some insect pressure from army worms. Overall, hail damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 1 percent light, compared with 1 percent moderate and 2 percent light last week. Wind damage in all crops was reported as 1 percent moderate and 4 percent light, compared with 1 percent severe, 1 percent moderate and 8 percent light last week. Stock water supplies were reported as 8 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus, compared with 8 percent very short, 29 percent short, 61 percent adequate, and 2 percent surplus last week.

CROP AND LIVESTOCK PROGRESS				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
2 nd cutting harvested	97	87	91	95
3 rd cutting harvested	74	59	65	76
4 th cutting harvested.....	45	30	30	35
5 th cutting harvested.....	2	NA	--	--
Chile				
Green harvested.....	16	5	3	3
Corn				
Silking	54	26	57	52
Dough.....	3	--	--	7
Cotton				
Squaring	70	55	86	86
Setting bolls.....	31	24	51	52
Onions				
Harvested.....	97	94	97	94
Peanuts				
Pegging.....	49	30	28	38
Sorghum				
Headed	11	9	14	10

NA – not available
(--) – zero

DAYS SUITABLE FOR FIELDWORK AND SOIL MOISTURE CONDITION				
Commodity	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
Days suitable for fieldwork	6.5	6.5	6.7	6.6
Topsoil moisture	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Very short.....	28	25	20	33
Short	33	37	60	38
Adequate	35	34	19	27
Surplus	4	4	1	2
Subsoil moisture				
Very short.....	33	24	19	NA
Short	31	36	43	NA
Adequate	34	38	38	NA
Surplus	2	2	--	NA

NA – not available
(--) – zero

CROP, LIVESTOCK, AND PASTURE AND RANGE CONDITION				
	Current week	Previous week	Previous year	5-year average
	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)	(percent)
Alfalfa hay				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	10	11	3	5
Fair.....	23	23	44	33
Good	61	64	46	48
Excellent	6	2	7	12
Chile				
Very poor.....	--	--	1	NA
Poor.....	5	3	7	NA
Fair.....	40	40	21	NA
Good	34	38	51	NA
Excellent	21	19	20	NA
Corn				
Very poor.....	10	10	2	2
Poor.....	5	7	3	3
Fair.....	27	28	31	28
Good	41	42	49	38
Excellent	17	13	15	29
Cotton				
Very poor.....	7	8	2	2
Poor.....	4	5	23	15
Fair.....	52	43	34	39
Good	31	34	33	29
Excellent	6	10	8	15
Pasture and range				
Very poor.....	5	9	3	24
Poor.....	23	32	23	25
Fair.....	41	36	47	29
Good	28	23	25	19
Excellent	3	--	2	3
Peanuts				
Very poor.....	--	--	--	2
Poor.....	5	8	5	13
Fair.....	70	61	75	72
Good	25	31	20	12
Excellent	--	--	--	1
Pecan				
Very poor.....	2	--	--	1
Poor.....	2	2	--	1
Fair.....	5	4	6	24
Good	79	73	39	53
Excellent	12	21	55	21
Sorghum				
Very poor.....	13	13	--	6
Poor.....	10	10	2	13
Fair.....	52	52	78	43
Good	23	23	19	36
Excellent	2	2	1	2
Cattle and calves				
Very poor.....	--	2	2	NA
Poor.....	1	2	4	NA
Fair.....	31	31	36	NA
Good	57	55	53	NA
Excellent	11	10	5	NA
Sheep and lambs				
Very poor.....	5	10	13	NA
Poor.....	6	11	14	NA
Fair.....	24	25	21	NA
Good	61	52	48	NA
Excellent	4	2	4	NA

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New Mexico’s weather data can be accessed at the following:
http://www.nass.usda.gov/Statistics_by_State/New_Mexico/Publications/Crop_Progress_&_Condition/2017/NM_Weather_07302017.pdf